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LORDS Spiritual and Temporal,
IN
PARLIAMENT
ASSEMBLED,

To His GRACE

JOHN Duke of Bedford, Lord Lieutenant
General, and General Governor of IRELAND.

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IT is ordered by the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled, That the Address of this House, Presented Yesterday to His Grace the Lord Lieutenant, and His Grace's Answer thereunto, shall be forthwith Printed and Published, and that the Clerk of this House do appoint the Printing of the said Address and Answer.

Hen. Baker Sterne, Cler. Parliamentor.

BY Virtue of the foregoing Order, I do appoint *Oliver Nelson*, to print the said Address and Answer, and do forbid any other Person to print the same.

Hen: Baker Sterne, Cler' Parliamentor.

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To His G R A C EJOHN Duke of *Bedford*, Lord Lieutenant General and General Governor of *IRELAND*,

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 OF THE
LORDS Spiritual and Temporal,
 In PARLIAMENT Assembled.

May it please Your Grace,

WE the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled, beg Leave to congratulate with Your Grace on the approaching Conclusion of this Session of Parliament, a Session, eminently distinguished thro' the weighty Influence of Your Grace's Recommendation, by many signal Instances of His Majesty's Royal Bounty, and by many Laws, of the highest Importance, to the Welfare and Improvement of this Kingdom.

WE justly considered the Appointment of Your Grace, to the Government of *Ireland*, as a most interesting Proof of His Majesty's paternal Goodness: The Principles and Virtues inherited by Your Grace from your illustrious Ancestors, had always been the Object of our Reverence and Admiration, and the vigorous Exertion of those Virtues by Your Grace in important Stations (equally to the Honour of the Crown and Advantage of the Publick) afforded us the most lively Presage of Happiness, in being committed to Your Grace's Care.

YOUR Grace on Your first Entrance into the High Office You now adorn, confirmed our warmest Hopes, and by Your generous Attention to our Distresses in the late Scarcity, deservedly endeared Yourself to a relieved and thankful People.

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THEY have since, seen the whole Tenor of Your Grace's Conduct, animated by the same noble Principle of Benevolence and Publick Spirit, and thankfully acknowledge that the Publick Tranquility and Happiness have been the great and constant Objects of Your Attention and Care, thro' the whole Course of Your wise and mild Administration.

WITH the most respectful and affectionate Gratitude they therefore regard Your Grace as the worthy Representative of His Majesty, the Gracious and equal Father of all His People, and from His long and experienced Goodness, flatter themselves, His Majesty will graciously indulge their unanimous and ardent Wishes, by continuing Your Grace to preside over Us.

WE beg Leave to assure Your Grace, that We heartily concur with the general Wishes of the Kingdom, and that We will Zealously endeavour to promote that good Temper and Harmony which Your Grace's Justice and Prudence have happily established amongst us: That upon Your Return to this Kingdom Your Grace may find us (what we ever ought to be) a People united in Affection, as we are in Interest and Duty, and unanimously determined to make Your Grace's Administration, as easy and Honourable to Your Grace, as it hath been, and we are assured ever will be beneficial and satisfactory to the Publick.

WE rely with perfect Confidence on that Candour which is inherent in Your Grace, and which adds Lustre to Your brightest and most amiable Actions, that on Your Grace's Return into the Royal Presence we shall be represented to His Majesty, as His Loyal, Dutiful and grateful Subjects, firmly attached to the Support of His Royal Person and Family, affectionately Sollicitous for the long Continuance of His precious Life, and warmly zealous for the Honour and Dignity of His Crown, the Success of His Arms, and the lasting Glory and Felicity of His most Auspicious Reign.

To which ADDRESS, His GRACE was pleased to give this ANSWER.

I think myself extremely oblig'd to the House of Lords for this very affectionate Address. The good of his Majesty's Service, the true Interest of Ireland, and the promoting Harmony and Union, have been the only Objects of my Administration, and the Approbation of my Conduct so kindly expressed by the House of Lords gives me the most sincere Satisfaction.

